

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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In the Matter of:	)	
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ADOPTION OF THE PROVISIONAL	)	Administrative Order
CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS	)	No. 2013 – <u>95</u>
AND EXTENSION OF THE TERM	)	(Affecting Administrative
OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE	)	Order No. 2012-80)
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On October 17, 2012, the Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards (the Committee) was established by Administrative Order No. 2012-80. As required by the Administrative Order, the Committee reviewed the national model time standards, statutory requirements, court rules, and business processes of Arizona courts and, based on this review, developed a provisional set of case processing standards for all case types in the justice, municipal, and superior courts. The Committee also developed recommendations on how the Arizona Judiciary should proceed with implementing the case processing time standards in Arizona's courts.

The Committee submitted its report to the Arizona Judicial Council in October 2013. In the report, the Committee noted several challenges to implementing case processing time standards, including incomplete or inaccurate case data and uneven access to case management reports essential for comparing current case processing times with proposed provisional standards. The Committee has requested an extension of its term to address the implementation issues described in the report.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the term of the Steering Committee on Arizona Case Processing Standards is extended to December 31, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that

1. The Committee shall continue with its duties as set forth in Administrative Order No. 2012-80 and, in addition, shall continue to study and make recommendations on resolving the implementation issues described in the Committee's Report.
2. The membership of the Committee is set forth in Appendix "A."
3. The case processing standards in Appendix "B" are provisionally adopted to provide local courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts with a time standards framework for the development and testing of case management reports.

4. While the case management reports developed to measure the case processing time standards are built, tested, and verified for accuracy, the reports will remain inaccessible to the public.
5. The Committee shall submit periodic reports and recommend final case processing standards for the various case types to the Arizona Supreme Court for approval and adoption.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

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REBECCA WHITE BERCH  
Chief Justice

**APPENDIX A**  
**MEMBERSHIP LIST**  
**STEERING COMMITTEE ON ARIZONA CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS**

*Chair*

Hon. Robert M. Brutinel  
Arizona Supreme Court

***Justice and Municipal Courts***

Hon. Jill Davis, Presiding Justice of the Peace  
Mohave County

Mr. Don Jacobson, Administrator  
Flagstaff Municipal Court in Coconino County  
Hon. Eric Jeffery, Assistant Presiding Judge  
Phoenix Municipal Court in Maricopa County

Hon. Steven McMurry, Presiding Judge  
Encanto Justice Court in Maricopa County

Hon. Antonio Riojas, Judge  
Tucson City Court in Pima County

***Public and Bar Members***

Mr. James Haas, Public Defender  
Maricopa County

Ms. Michelle Matiski, Head of Corporate Legal Group  
Aetna Insurance

Ms. Jane Nicoletti-Jones, Senior Charging Attorney  
Coconino County Attorney's Office

Mr. John W. Rogers  
Supreme Court Staff Attorney

Mr. William Verdini, Professor Emeritus  
Arizona State University

***Superior Courts***

Mr. Kent Batty, Administrator  
Superior Court in Pima County

Hon. Peter Cahill, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court in Gila County  
Hon. Richard Fields, Judge  
Superior Court in Pima County

Hon. Pamela Frasher Gates, Judge  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. Charles W. Gurtler, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court in Mohave County

Hon. Sandra Markham, Clerk of Court  
Superior Court in Yavapai County

Hon. Mark Moran, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court in Coconino County

Andrew Klein, Presiding Probate Judge  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. John Rea, Judge  
Superior Court in Maricopa County

Hon. Sally Simmons, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court in Pima County

## APPENDIX B

### PROVISIONAL CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS

<b><u>CASE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>ARIZONA STANDARD</u></b>
Superior Court Civil Cases	60% within 180 days 90% within 365 days 96% within 540 days
Justice Court Civil Cases	75% within 180 days 90% within 270days 98% within 365 days
Justice Court Eviction Actions	98% within 10 days
Small Claims	75% within 90 days 90% within 120 days 98% within 180 days
Civil Local Ordinances	75% within 60 days 90% within 90 days 98% within 180 days
Civil Traffic	75% within 30 days 90% within 60 days 98% within 90 days
Protection Orders	<u>Ex Parte Hearing:</u> 99% within 24 hours. <u>Contested Hearing:</u> 90% within 10 days 98% within 30 days
Criminal Misdemeanor	75% within 60 days 90% within 90 days 98% within 180 days
Criminal DUI Misdemeanor	85% within 120 days 93% within 180 days
Criminal Felony	65% within 90 days 85% within 180 days 96% within 365 days
Superior Court Criminal Post Conviction Relief	94% within 180 days
Family Law Dissolution	75% within 180 days 90% within 270 days 98% within 365 days

<b><u>CASE TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>ARIZONA STANDARD</u></b>
Family Law Post-Judgment Motions	50% within 180 days 90% within 270 days 98% within 365 days
Probate Administration of Estates	50% within 360 days 75% within 540 days 95% within 720 days
Probate Guardianship/ Conservatorship	80% within 90 days 98% within 365 days
Probate Mental Health Cases	98% within 15 days
Juvenile Delinquency and Status Offense	<u>Youth in detention:</u> 75% within 30 days 90% within 45 days 98% within 75 days <u>Youth not in detention:</u> 75% within 60 days 90% within 90 days 98% within 135 days
Juvenile Neglect and Abuse	<u>Adjudication Hearing:</u> 98% within 90 days of service <u>Permanency Hearing:</u> 98% of children under 3 years of age within 180 days of removal 98% of all other cases within 360 days of removal
Juvenile Termination of Parental Rights	90% within 120 days 98% within 180 days